



Biography

Nebraska Air National Guard

Colonel Steven L. Adams



Col. Steven Adams is the Commander of the 155th Air Refueling Wing at Lincoln, NE. The wing contributes to the Air Force Global Reach mission by supporting U. S. and allied military forces worldwide with aerial refueling and transportation of passengers and cargo.

Col. Adams began his career as an enlisted member in the U.S. Air Force in 1972. He joined the Nebraska ANG in 1977 where, after graduating from the Air National Guard's Academy of Military Science, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. After Col. Adams attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, Arizona, he was assigned as an RF-4C Aircraft Commander and Unit Tactics Officer in the Nebraska Air National Guard. He also served as the Commander of the 155th Weapon System Security Flight prior to participating in the yearlong National Guard Bureau's Volunteer insight Program in Washington, D.C. Returning to the Nebraska ANG, Col. Adams was assigned as the Officer In Charge for the 173rd Photo Processing and Interpretation Facility. He again returned to the National Guard Bureau in 1991 where he served as the Air Operations Officer overseeing the ANG's Operational Support Airlift Program. Colonel Adams rejoined his unit

during its conversion to the KC-135 Aircraft served as an aircraft commander and SIOP Plans Officer. Following his graduation from the in-residence Air War College in 2000, he commanded the 173rd Air Refueling Squadron and the 155th Operations Group. In January 2004 he was selected as the 155th Air Refueling Wing Commander.

EDUCATION:

- 1985 Bachelor of Science Degree, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 1988 Squadron Officer School, Correspondence Course
- 1995 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence Course
- 2000 Air War College, In-Residence Course
- 2000 Masters Degree in Strategic Studies, USAF Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. March 1980 - March, 1981, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Arizona
2. April 1981 - September 1981, student, RF-4C aircraft, 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
3. October 1981 - April 1985, Traditional Guard RF-4C aircraft commander, 173rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
4. May 1985 - July 1987, RF-4C and C-12F pilot and commander, 155th Weapon Systems Security Flight, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska Air National Guard
5. August 1987 - July 1988, National Guard Bureau Volunteer Insight Program, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS cont:

6. August 1988 - June 1991, C-12F pilot and OIC, 173rd Photo Processing and Interpretation Facility, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
7. July 1991 - August 1993, Air Operations Staff Officer, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Andrews AFB, Maryland
8. September 1993 - December 1993, student, KC-135 combat crew training school, Castle AFB, California
9. January 1994 - September 1995, KC-135R Aircraft Commander and SIOP plans officer, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
10. October 1995 - July 1999, Operations Officer, 173rd Air Refueling Squadron, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
11. August 1999 - June 2000, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
12. July 2000 - May 2002, Commander, 173rd Air Refueling Squadron, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
13. June 2002 - January 2004, Commander, 155th Operations Group, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
14. January 2004 - Present, Commander, 155th air Refueling Wing, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: Over 2,500

Aircraft Flown: T-37B, T-38A, RF-4C, C-12F/J, C-26A/B and KC-135R

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with seven oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with 1 device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Air Force Longevity Service with six oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one device

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one device

Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant October 18, 1977

First Lieutenant October 20, 1980

Captain November 1, 1983

Major January 15, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel March 19, 1996

Colonel May 3, 2002